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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASUNCION 2434

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SUBJ: TRANSFER OF COSTA RICAN CHARGE, SUSPECTED VESCO ASSOCIATE,
FROM ASUNCION TO SAO PAULO

REF: A) ASUNCION 3960, SEPT. 22, 1976, AND PREVIOUS;

B) SAN JOSE 5186, OCT. 29, 1976, AND PREVIOUS.

1. COSTA RICAN CHARGE IN ASUNCION, RAFAEL DIAZ-BALART Y GUTIERREZ, A SUSPECTED NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER AND ASSOCIATE OF ROBERT VESCO, RECENTLY MOVED TO SAO PAULO AS COSTA RICAN CONSUL GENERAL AFTER SPENDING LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR HERE. DIAZ-BALART, A NATIVE CUBAN, TOOK OVER AS CHARGE IN ASUNCION ON APRIL 27, 1976, BUT WAS ABSENT FROM PARAGUAY MOST OF THE TIME. THE NEED FOR A PROFESSIONAL COSTA RICAN CHARGE IN PARAGUAY IS QUESTIONABLE AND DIAZ-BALART APPEARED TO HAVE LITTLE TO DO WHEN HERE. HOWEVER, HE MADE QUITE A SPLASH BY RENTING AN EXPENSIVE HOME IN AN EXCLUSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IN ASUNCION (THE FURNISHINGS RECENTLY WERE SOLD
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AT AUCTION) AND THROWING A LAVISH NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION LAST YEAR AT A LEADING HOTEL-CASINO.

2. IN LIGHT OF REFERENCED MESSAGES AND DIAZ-BALART'S CONDUCT IN ASUNCION, EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT ONE OF HIS PURPOSES IN COMING HERE WAS TO CHECK OUT THE PROSPECTS OF ARRANGING A SAFE HAVEN FOR VESCO IN PARAGUAY. IF SO, HIS MOVE TO SAO PAULO WOULD

SEEM TO INDICATE THAT THE PROJECT HAS BEEN ABANDONED.

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